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On the 23rd November, at Parklands, Dublin, the wife of HORACE HICKLING, of a son.DEATHS.
On the 24th November, at 58, Farrel-road, Stoke Newington, GEORGE AUGUSTUS FRANKLIN NORRIS, late Hongkong, suddenly, aged 67 years.

On the 24th November, suddenly, the Rev. W. S. SWANSON, D.D., of 19, Green-croft-gardens, South Hampstead, formerly a missionary in China.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1894.

OPIUM COMMISSION HUMBLED.

If the anti-opium fanatics were honest, the *Madras Times* thinks they would now shut up the Royal Commission, on the strength of the evidence already taken by that body in India, and pay the expenses of this most outrageous fad out of their own pockets. In this opinion almost every newspaper published in India concurs, especially the *Englishman*, a Calcutta journal, which sums up a caustic article, bearing on the strong evidence given by medical authorities, as follows:—
"The only thing now left for the Opium Commission to do is to take these away to China."

on the possibility of their discovering some more tangible grievance than could be produced for their education in India; and, no doubt, the sooner the anti-opium members are able to escape from the undignified position into which they have allowed themselves to be drawn, the better placed they will be. For the independent members who have come out to India to see justice done, the result must be only what they have long anticipated; and the speedy termination of their labours, to which they may now look forward, will be a matter of sincere satisfaction.

We are sadly afraid that if a "China section" of this abortive Commission is sent on, to follow up the investigations already made at a distance, it will find that it has come to the shores of Far Cathay on a fool's errand, and that it might as well endeavour to find Darwin's "missing link" as a "tangible grievance." With Sir W. B. Huxson, who absolutely declined to submit to examination by the Commission, we quite agree, that "not all the might of England will eradicate the use of opium in India, nor even materially curtail it, and that therefore the present enquiry is a waste of time and money;" and we may add with perfect safety and without any fear of contradiction, that even the combined might of the "Son of Heaven" himself, and all his Viceroy and satellites, would be powerless to cause the cessation of the growth of the poppy and the use of opium in the vast Empire of China. And if, to speak paradoxically, an impossibility were to happen and the opium trade were entirely abolished, we venture to assert that the work of the ubiquitous missionary in China would not in the slightest degree be made less farcical than it has hitherto been and is now.

And, by the way, it may now be asked why it is that the Anti-Opium League's organ, the *Sentinel* to wit, after a great flourish of trumpets over the appointment of a Royal Commission, now asserting that it was "a great scandal in the first place to appoint a Commission?" The *Methodist Times*, too, of November 2nd, says:—

The public are in great danger of being totally misled by the Royal Commission on Opium. It was a very unworthy dodge to propose a Royal Commission at all, as Parliament had already declared the trade with China to be morally indefensible, and what is morally wrong can never be politically and economically right. However, the enemies of purity, justice, and humanity have so far tried upon that they have secured the Royal Commission, and thus delayed the moral solution, and given officials interested in maintaining the Opium revenue ample scope for mystifying and misleading the public.

"The scandal was great," says the editor of the *Bombay Guardian* in his issue of October 14th, "in the first place, of appointing a Commission to inquire into the expediency or otherwise of ceasing a policy equivalent not to legitimate trade, but to thugism. The initial scandal is added to by placing persons on the Commission who are peculiarly interested in maintaining the Opium inquiry."

The same writer, in the issue of November 4th, speaking on the "sin" of the Royal Commission, says:—

A Royal Commission is not wanted to receive evidence upon a simple issue of right or wrong. A Royal Commission cannot alter the character of the Opium trade. The Royal Commission upon the Opium Inquiry, we see a professedly Christian Government mocking at God and despising His Law. After more or less delay, the verdict of the Commission will be given, in a labyrinth of words, concerning an issue which enlightened conscience could decide in five seconds. If we do not mistake the signs of the times, the verdict of God has already gone forth. He has been trilled with too long by high-placed personages who have compassed earth and hell to retain a Sodomite revenue. Although the Opium traffic is doomed, we do not believe that the head of God will be turned back from judgment. British "statesmen," so-called, have lost their last opportunity of repentance; and the Divine mandate has gone forth: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." Let those who will mock further.

All that we can say is that if such mad ravings of the fanatics against their own pet commission would not cause people to "mock further," we will eat the editorial hat.

TELEGRAMS.

BAD FOR THE TAX-PAYERS.

LONDON, 1st January, 1894.
The British Revenue returns for the last six months show a deficiency of two millions sterling. We knew this from our Indian exchanges a month ago.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.

Reuter's correspondent at Bulawayo reports that the natives are positive that a portion of Captain Wilson's party have escaped to the direction of Harare Hill.

[Yes, and—well?—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

THE PARISH COUNCILS BILL.

The Government have arranged with the Opposition to finish the *Parish Councils Bill* by the 19th instant, both parties being desirous of lengthening the recess.

THE MANCHESTER CANAL.

Twenty-five vessels have entered the Manchester Canal.
[Why doesn't Reuter wire out specially that Queen Anne has joined the majority, or that Jack McTavish's cow has calved a caddy, in place of this d—rot?—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

"NO WANTCHEE."

January 3rd.
The Duke and Duchess of York, while warmly thanking the Australian President for

their unanimous invitation to visit the Colonies this year, have, for family reasons, been obliged to decline the offered hospitality.

THE PARISH COUNCIL BILL.

The agreement between the Government and the Opposition to facilitate the passing of the *Parish Councils Bill* was the result of a compromise as to the contested points.
[Is this of any interest to anybody in the Far East? If so, will the interested one let an admiring multitude have the benefit of his views?—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"PRINCESS TOTO" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night at nine o'clock.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Dec. 31st are—Europeans, 103; Chinese, 1,317; total 1,420.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at midnight on Tuesday, and left again at noon to-day for Vancouver, via Yokohama.DR. SIMONS, retiring U. S. Consul at this port, who goes away in the *Belgic* to-morrow, was accorded a farewell dinner by members of the medical profession last night, Dr. Cantlie presiding.

AN emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 518 S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

IN the O-raka district, only recently freed from an epidemic of dysentery, compulsory vaccination has been resorted to as a means of stopping a threatened epidemic of smallpox. All persons under the age of 35 have had to undergo the operation.

If there is any truth in the rumour that there is a ferocious bull-dog in Yaumatei which has a nasty habit of snapping at most inefficient people, animals and things, the sooner the brute is exterminated the better will it be for all concerned. By the way, has the 1894 licence been taken out for this animal? *Verbo sap.*THE *Japan Gazette* understands that the Yokohama police who appeared before the British Court in connection with the trumped-up charge against M. Gaillard have been submitted to disciplinary punishment for their conduct in the case. It is said that the Inspector also did not escape without heavy censure.MR. George Horspool returned to the colony, from leave of absence, by the *Thames* this morning and at once took over the duties of Deputy Superintendent of Police from Mr. Baddeley. Mr. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police, is due here from Shanghai on Tuesday by the German mail.

AT a smoking concert given in Kobe the other night, things seem to have been lively, to say the least, for we read that the evening was wound up by a "grand prize fight" which, as a contemporary regretfully observes, was stopped by the Consular authorities just as it was becoming interesting. But whether the "mill" was dignified with a place on the programme is not stated.

IT is little wonder that there should be something more than a "screw loose" in connection with the signal station at Kowloon Point, when it becomes known that vessels entering from the eastward have not been properly signalled for the past two days owing to the fact that the port signal halyards were rotten from exposure to age, elements and fell off the flag-staff two days ago! They will be replaced by brand-new halyards before Easter at the latest, and in the meantime the starboard, or western, halyards may or may not be manipulated to do double duty in a more or less efficient manner.

AT the next meeting of the Sanitary Board, on Thursday, January 4th, at 4.15 p.m., Mr. Francis will move—That in the opinion of this Board, 3 gallons of water per day, from a sanitary point of view, a wholly inadequate allowance of water in this climate, and that in limiting the free supply of water to many large blocks of buildings to that quantity, the Government are violating the understanding on the faith of which the extensive power, granted by Ordinance 16 of 1890, were conferred by the Legislative Council.
Agenda.—1. Mortality return for week ended 23rd December, 1893. 2. Sanitary Surveyor's report on condition of drains at 7, 162, 170, and 184 to 200 Third street, and 149 to 166 (even numbers) Second street, and 355 to 358, Pokfulam road. 3. Application to be allowed to use stone-ware pipes with bevelled joints instead of socketed pipes for the drainage of marine lot no. 1, Quarry Bay. 4. Correspondence re the proposed re-drainage of houses 17, 19, and 21, Tank lane. 5. Correspondence re the defective state of drains running through marine lot no. 14, Fraya Central.IT may interest some of our readers to know that the juvenile globe-trotter Louis Morningstar, who put for the kindness of some friends would have been "on the beach" in this colony, has succeeded, through the generosity of the same kind friends, in obtaining a passage to Calcutta, where he hopes to find sufficient support to enable him to proceed on his self-imposed pilgrimage. He left here by the *Kong Sang* for Singapore, via Swatow, on December 29th. Although one cannot help to some extent admiring and sympathizing with a mere child like Morningstar so far away from home and friends, this "round the world" craze of would-be authors, etc., based on nothing but consummate cheek, cannot be too severely reprobated, and so doubt has in many cases caused deserving unfortunates to suffer. What earthly good the globe-trotting experiences of a living child like Master Louis Morningstar could be to anybody is not even worth considering, and while, frank we encourage, we should probably be disappointed with boy bandits and children in long-clothes posing as newspaper correspondents. This ridiculous mania has been tolerated and even encouraged by good natured people far too long, and it ought at once to be firmly repressed. So far as the *Hongkong Telegraph* is concerned, it very clearly defined policy has been decided on. "The very next cry—"creek"—the terms are yielded and synonymous—who comes to this office on a so-called special mission to enlighten the world—and to borrow \$100—will be promptly handed over to the police as a rogue and vagabond. We are quite full of it.

THERE are in all 38 cotton mills now running in Japan. The out-put of these represents the work of 384,990 spindles.

THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaelic*, which left Hongkong for San Francisco, via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama, arrived at her destination on the 30th ult.

"PANSY, or the Flower Fairies," a musical fairy play composed by Mr. Nat. Rochester, will be performed by the pupils of the Bellios Public School at 6 p.m. on the 13th inst.

A LAMENT from the *Hyogo News*—Foreign circus-managers, jugglers, and other itinerant performers will in future apply in vain to the local authorities for leave to exercise their callings outside Treaty limits.

THERE was a crowded house at D'Arc's Marionette show last night, and a more enjoyable entertainment (barring a few disagreeable incidents for which the management was in no way responsible) has seldom been seen in this colony. As a fully detailed report of this clever entertainment will appear in to-morrow's issue, we need only say now that all those who visit the Mesdames D'Arc's bower of bliss at West Point to-night, will enjoy one of the pleasantest evenings of their lives.

THUS the *Japan Mail* of the 20th ult.—The well known Yokohama merchant, and still better known Yokohama insurer, Mr. Hiranuma Senz, has been arrested and thrown into prison on a charge of forging documents. The offence was committed in connection with the notorious Soma affair. When Nishizori, the original complainant in that case, was imprisoned, Mr. Hiranuma had some transactions with Judge Yamaguchi, and was arrested in connection with their sequel. A great many people will rejoice over the fact that he has overtaken this singular man, whose fate has overtaken the Japanese nobility.THUS the Kluang correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* under date December 26th:—There is nothing in the way of news to report since my last, except that the low state of the water on the upper crossing at Olyphant Island is causing a lot of detention to the river steamers, and if the draw over also close they are compelled to lighten before attempting to cross. Every facility is given by the Customs authorities to agents representing the river steamer companies to discharge cargo into lighters at the crossing, which is afterwards brought up to Kluang. I hear that the *W. C. de Vries* and *Pharos* are badly ashore, and will have to lighten considerably before they will be able to get off the mud. Kluang's watermark registers to-day 7 ft. 3 in.THE *Japan Official Gazette* publishes the following telegram, said to have been received in Tokyo on the 18th ult., from Mr. Tatenoe, Minister at Washington:—"In the message sent by the President to Congress, it is stated that instructions were given to the American Minister in Hawaii to use every means, except military force, for the restoration of the Queen to the throne. Two conditions were, however, attached relative to the Restoration, which were that a general amnesty should be issued, and that the legitimate pecuniary obligations incurred by the Provisional Government should be recognized. But the Queen having refused to agree to these conditions, the President submitted all the circumstances connected with the affair to Congress, and strongly opposed an annexation policy. No suggestions were given, however, as to the future measures to be taken."SAYS the *Northern Territory Times* of December 22nd:—"It is not improbable that before the E. and A. S. S. Company and China Navigation Company have been paying out light dues for any length of time they will each have under serious consideration the advisability of cutting down the number of ships which are sent to Port Darwin. Estimating that the E. and A. Company send as many steamers this year as they did last, it would mean the payment of £500 in light dues, and it is extremely doubtful if the dues derived from Port Darwin will compensate for such an expensive tax. Anyhow, it can do no harm if the Resident watches the course of events carefully, so as to be ready to come to terms at any time with shipowners who might show signs of avoiding the port in order to save the light dues. Steamers with only a few tons of cargo towards and little or no prospect of any outward freight, will scarcely venture to put in at Port Darwin whilst they incur a liability of £12 or £15 for a light of which, by the way, none of them can see the utility."

THE following edifying scenes reported to have occurred in the South Australian Legislative Assembly at Adelaide on December 21st, during the debate on the Treasury-Bills Bill. The Hon. T. Playford, Colonial Treasurer, speaking in support of the measure, used the argument that it was good policy to borrow money in the local market.

MR. V. L. Solomon, replying, took exception to this, and contended that the issue of Treasury bills was harmful, as it imposed upon capital that could otherwise be invested in various speculations, thus tending to produce general stagnation.

The following dialogue then took place:—
MR. PLAYFORD:—Yes; no doubt that would be better for some people, who lived on the country. The hon. member would admit that speculation often brought people into difficulties.

MR. SOLOMON:—You're a big cowardly fellow!

THE SPEAKER:—The hon. member must withdraw that expression.

MR. SOLOMON:—I will withdraw the remark, Mr. Speaker, but I retain my opinion nevertheless.

THE TREASURER:—The hon. member misapprehends me. I intended nothing personal. Mr. Solomon? You know you did!

THE TREASURER:—If the hon. member insists on sitting on the cap, I cannot help it. I merely referred in a general sense to the fact that indulgence in speculation often leads to the door of the Insolvency Court.

AT this stage Mr. Solomon gave utterance to some remark in a muttering tone, the sense of the words failing to reach the ears of the majority of the members.

THE TREASURER (greatly excited):—"I will not allow the hon. member to talk to me in that way!" (Addressing the Speaker): "He says that I am a cowardly fellow! If the hon. member talks to me like that again, I will kick him out of this House, and pretty quickly, too!"

THE SPEAKER:—I did not hear the words, but if they were used the hon. member must withdraw them.

MR. SOLOMON thereupon admitted having used the words complained of, and in obedience to the command of the Speaker, withdrew them.

Mutual withdrawals followed, and the entertaining little exhibition ended in "smoke."

TWO thousand seven hundred Japanese residents of Jinan, Korea, have addressed the Minister for Foreign Affairs upon the prohibition, by the Korean Government, of the export of rice from that country. It is sought to have the prohibitive measure annulled.

BLOOMBS.—Ah! I wonder how the Only O'Brien feels now, with the dollar down to 21 1/2, and his famous half-crown Budget half way on the road to the Colonial Office.

NOBBS.—Ah! It's awfully funny. But I wonder how he'll feel when it gets down to two "bobs" and under. Chatter has "seen" him already, and old Bell-joss has "gone one better." Really! It's awfully funny, by Jove! Deficit \$50,000!

DOBBS.—Maskee! one rate is as good as another, don't you know?

JAPANESE papers state that Viscount Enomoto, in his capacity as President of the Emigration Society, has laid before the Department of Communications an important document on the subject of Japan's commercial relations with Mexico and the Australasian Colonies, based on investigations made by a Director of the Society. According to this document a Government subsidy of from ¥18,000 to ¥120,000, at least, is required in order to establish these two lines of steamers. Several new ships will also be required, three being only one suitable Japanese ship, the *Mitsui Maru*, which is already engaged on another line. It is estimated that not less than four new steamers would be needed for the Mexican line, and three for the Australasian service. The document further urges that no time should be lost in establishing the Mexican line, because the Japanese project is already in danger of competition from French and German companies.

SUPREME COURT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

On the opening of the Court this morning, members of the legal profession attended in full force, to accord a fitting reception to the Chief Justice, on his being knighted.

The Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General, said:—As this, my lord, is the first time that your lordship has taken a seat on the bench since we have had news that her Majesty has conferred the honour of knighthood on your lordship, I would ask permission to congratulate you on behalf of both branches of the legal profession presiding in this Colony. It is now nearly six years, I think, since your lordship presided, first as Puisne Judge, and latterly as Chief Justice, in this court, and therefore we have had ample opportunity of knowing and benefiting by the admirable manner in which your lordship has disposed of all the difficult and diverse subjects brought before you. We feel doubly gratified at the honour conferred because we feel that it is not so much an honour which has been sought by your lordship as one which follows naturally, in the usual course of things, on a highly meritorious career. We hope and pray that your lordship may be spared for many years to enjoy these honours.

The Chief Justice:—Gentlemen of the Bar, and gentlemen solicitors presiding in this Court, I thank you all very sincerely for the great kindness and honour you have conferred on me in assembling here to-day to congratulate me, and I accept your congratulations as an assurance of your friendship and goodwill, with every feeling of gratitude. I hope I may be allowed to transgress the usual course of judicial procedure to the extent of wishing you all "a happy new year."

COLONIAL COURT OF ADMIRALTY.

(Before Sir Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice.)

January 3rd.

THE STEAMSHIP "PROSPERITY."
The Bank of Liverpool, Limited, sought to recover £8,320 from the steamship *Prosperity*, on mortgage. MR. A. J. LEACH, Q.C., instructed by MR. E. C. ELLIS (MR. V. H. DESMOND'S OFFICE), appeared for the plaintiffs, and the steamer was not represented.MR. LEACH stated that the plaintiffs had a mortgage, in statutory form, dated 31st March, 1887, for £8,320, which they claimed from the proceeds of sale of the ship now remaining in the hands of the Court. The ship was sold for some £40,500 in June, 1893, when there were several actions instituted against her, and an order of the court was made for such sale. The prior claims having been satisfied, the court now had to deal with a balance of £20,710. Leave had been given to the plaintiffs to proceed *ex parte* and by affidavit. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire held a power of attorney from the Bank for the purpose of receiving this money.

AFTER some discussion as to formalities his lordship made an order for the payment of the amount claimed out of the proceeds, as far as they would go, on production of certain formal documents before the Registrar.

WARRANT OFFICERS' CLUB CONCERT.

The Warrant Officers' Club, Blue Buildings, Praya East, is an unpretentious little institution of just the sort to enlist the favour and support of the British community. It was established a little over two years ago, mainly through the efforts of Captain Clouston, then on this station in H.M.S. *Caroline*. Originally it was purely a naval body, but since then the sister branch of the service has joined partnership, and now most of the warrant officers both of the garrison and the fleet are members. Mr. G. South, R.N., has been president from the first, and though he has now been elevated to command rank he still keeps in with his old friends, and last night presided at a very pleasant and informal smoking concert in the club room. The place was effectively decorated for the "festive season," and there was a good attendance. Of the musical items, the greatest credit is due to the Amateur Band of H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*, which performed a number of excellent selections in style quite up to "professional" form. The hon. secretary, Mr. Gregson, who has scored well as a reciter before the Hongkong public on several occasions, contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening in his special line, and the President, who we need hardly remind our readers is right in his front rank as a comic singer, was also induced to "oblige." Among the others who sang were Messrs. Smith, Duggan, Heifield, Mulligan, Wingent and Jones who all received hearty applause, and deserved it thoroughly. Several brief speeches were also delivered, and the President, secretary, members of working committee, band and visitors were "hoisted" with enthusiasm. Refreshments, liquid and solid, were in abundance, and the arrangements in every way were a credit to the organizers of the gathering. The Warrant Officers' Club, in fact, inaugurated the new year with a complete success, which promises equally well for the future of the institution.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per P. and O. steamer *Himalaya*, from London, Dec. 8th.—To Yokohama: Miss H. S. Spicer, Miss Evans. To Hogo: Mr. H. B. Clayton. To Shanghai: Miss S. A. Anstie. To Hongkong: Miss Pugh, Mrs. Walker, and infant.Per P. and O. steamer *Parkway*, from London, December 8th.—To Yokohama: General A. Lytleton Annesley and valet.Per P. and O. steamer *Ballaarat*, from London, Dec. 14th.—To Yokohama: Mr. H. H. Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Brauman, and children. From Brindisi.—To Yokohama: Mr. Bombay: Rev. and Mrs. G. Chapman and child.Per P. and O. steamer *Parramatta*, from London, December 14th.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and child. Mr. Arthur Hyde Lyle. To Shanghai: Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson and infant. To Hongkong: Sergeant W. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and family.Per P. and O. steamer *Roma*, from London, December 20th.—Brindisi to Yokohama: Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Van M. Miter.Per P. and O. steamer *Britannia*, from London, January 5th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Hugh Fraser, Colonel W. D. Samuels, To Hogo: Miss Crowe. To Hongkong: Miss Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Woolley and child.Per P. and O. steamer *Mastilia*, from London, January 18th.—To Yokohama: Mr. H. De Windt, Mr. G. Lancaster and man servant, Rev. A. E. Webb. To Shanghai: Rev. T. Matthew. To Hongkong: Miss Chambers, Miss Barr.Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Mil-Journa*, from Marseilles, November 21st.—To Yokohama: Dr. Yamamoto, Mr. H. H. Mr. Dufail, Mr. F. A. Mr. Reddie, Mr. Smith, To Shanghai: Mr. Barker, Mrs. Barker, To Saigon: Mr. Ferret. To Hongkong: Mr. Rogers, and son, Mr. Bourgeois.Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Oceanus*, from Marseilles, December 10th.—To Shanghai: Mr. W. D. Little. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Sprungli and child, Mr. and Mrs. F. Glasbrook and child, Mr. and Mrs. Berthold, Mr. Howard, Mr. Burr, Mr. Dumas and friend, Mr. Lafrans.Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Saghalien*, from Marseilles, December 24th.—To Yokohama: Mr. Harbord, Mr. Inoko.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams, received by the Australian mail, were unavoidably crowded out of last night's issue:—

LONDON, December 2nd.

Berlin telegrams report that the Reichstag has, by a majority of 37, repealed the law providing for the exclusion of Jews from Germany.

During the debate Herr Lieber, leader of the Roman Catholic party in the Reichstag, said that the fact that the Pope was friendly towards the alliance between Russia and France would not deter German Catholics from remaining loyal to the Emperor.

It is believed that the German Bundesrat, or Federal Council, which is appointed by and represents the States, will not confirm the Reichstag in giving the Jesuits admission to Germany.

The hearing has been begun of an extraordinary action which turns on the marital expenses of a woman named Rachel Cullen, who personated a man. In order to avoid her creditors the woman passed herself off as a man some years ago, and worked as a plumber. In 1866 she married another woman named Sophia Newland, and the latter had four children. A widow named Clarke is now proceeding against the woman Newland to get possession of the estate of William Cullen, mutual relative of Mrs. Clarke and Rachel Cullen, on the ground that the children alleged to be the result of the marriage are illegitimate.

The German Reichstag has increased by 50 per cent. the Customs duties on all articles imported from Russia.

Mr. Alfred Holt, a Liverpool steamship owner, is sending an agent to Australia to establish a line of steamers between Newcastle (New South Wales) and Fremantle (West Australia).

Mr. Hilary A. Herbert, Secretary for the Navy in the United States Cabinet, is urging the construction of several warships. Mr. Herbert states that there are sufficient cruisers, but that more warships are needed.

The Persian executive have issued a manifesto denying that Fenshah, as a body, are responsible for the recent dynamite outrages in Dublin, and blaming a malcontent section for them.

December 3rd.

Mr. R. A. Yerburgh, M.P. for Chester, and other members, are taking steps to found co-operative banks in the country districts on similar principles to those of kindred banks established on the Continent.

The British depositors in the Australian Joint Stock Bank have elected Mr. Benjamin Guinness, of the Dublin banking firm of Guinness, Mahon, and Co., to represent them on the directors.

Mr. Guinness was prominent in connection with the reconstruction of Australian banks, and in several cases took proceedings to bring about liquidation.

Mr. Ivanoff, an ex-officer in the Bulgarian army, has been arrested for conspiracy. He has confessed that he was plotting to take the life of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

December 4th.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that if an outbreak of war should occur in the Balkans, it would be impossible to confine it to that part of Europe. The same paper says that the danger of war is daily increasing.

It has been ascertained that Ivanoff, the ex-Bulgarian officer, who is under arrest, and who has confessed to plot against the life of Prince Ferdinand, is a Russian agent.

Admiral Mello, the commander of the Brazilian rebel, has announced that his party desire to abolish the dictatorship of President Peixoto. He asserts that they do not wish to re-establish the monarchy.

The French and British Governments have come to an arrangement with respect to a "buffer State" in Siam.

An extensive robbery by monks is reported from Moscow.

A number of monks looted a monastery of its sacred vessels and other valuables, their booty being of the value of £50,000.

The *Times*, commenting on the village settlement experiments in South Australia and Queensland, says that the settlements are novel attempts to supply the colonies' greatest needs.

December 5th.

Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury, has refused to sign a special Sunday law the

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—100 per cent. prem., sales and sellers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £80.00 paid up, \$25, sales and buyers.
 The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
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 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent. premium, sellers.
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 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$100 per share, sales and sellers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$55 per share, sales and sellers.
 North China Insurance—135 per share, buyers.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$141 per share, sellers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—\$60, sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—15 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$202½ per share, sales and buyers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$81 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share, sales and sellers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$56 sales and buyers.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—37½ per cent. discount, sales and buyers.
 Douglas Steamship Company—\$42, sales and sellers.
 The Steam Launch Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$14 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—200.
 The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 The Shamen Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 Puijoo Mining Co.—\$8½ per share, sales and sellers.
 The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4½ per share, sales and sellers.
 The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1.10 per share, sales and sellers.
 Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$75 per share, buyers.
 The Jelabu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 sales and buyers.
 New Imuris Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
 London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$1.10 per share, sales.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share, sales.
 Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$35 buyers.
 A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$100, buyers.
 Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sales and buyers.
 Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$4½ per share, sellers.
 The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$9 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$55 sales and buyers.
 The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$20 per share, sellers.
 H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$7½ per share, buyers.
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$36 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$95 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$110 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$81 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
 The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.
 The Green Island Cement Co.—\$5½, sales and buyers.
 The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4½ sellers.
 The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$45 per share, nominal.
 The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$62 ex Div. buyers.

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 Bank Bills, on demand 2½
 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2½
 Credits at 4 months' sight 2½
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 Bank Bills, on demand 2.83
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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Peru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco, left Yokohama on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on the 6th.
 The O. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Oceanic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu and Yokohama, on the 2nd instant.
THE INDIAN MAIL.
 The steamer *Arratoon* Ahar, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on the 5th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Takoran*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on the 7th.
 The C. M. steamer *Karnata*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 29th ult., and may be expected here on the 5th instant.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Canton* left London for this port on the 2nd ultimo.
 The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Formosa* left London for this port on the 16th ultimo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.
 THAMES, British steamer, 2,101, W. A. Seaton, 2nd Jan., London, via Bombay 16th Dec., and Singapore 27th, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 NANYANG, German steamer, 1,050, F. Schultz, 2nd Jan., Wuhu, and Chinkiang 27th Dec., Rice.—Stemmen & Co.
 CINCRO, British steamer, 1,050, A. George, 2nd Jan., Samang (Java), and Decatur, General.—Arnold, Karsberg & Co.
 FRICHO, British steamer, 994, John Warren, 2nd Jan., Wuhu 28th Dec., and Chinkiang 29th, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 HATTAN, British steamer, 1,182, F. D. Goddard, 3rd Jan., Foochow 30th Dec., Amoy 1st Jan., and Swatow 2nd, General.—D. Lapralle & Co.
 CASSIUS, German steamer, 1,504, M. Urrub, 3rd Jan., Kobe 28th Dec., General.—Stemmen & Co.
 HANGCHOW, British steamer, 900, C. Derby, 3rd Jan., Sourabaya 23rd Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 KWANLOER, Chinese steamer, 1,504, Lincoln, 3rd Jan., Canton 3rd Jan., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.
Trifol, German steamer, for Saigon.
Kuanyang, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Taku Maru, Japanese str., for Kutchinotru.
Emeralda, British steamer, for Manila.
Progrès, British steamer, for Tournon.
Hogul, British steamer, for Kobe.

DEPARTURES.
 January 2, *Shagan*, British str., for Canton.
 January 2, *Baltimore*, American cruiser, for Shanghai.
 January 3, *Amigo*, German str., for Bangkok.
 January 3, *Ask*, Danish str., for Hallow, &c.
 January 3, *Frig*, Danish str., for Hallow, &c.
 January 3, *Fekten*, British str., for Swatow, &c.
 January 3, *Africa*, British str., for Macao, &c.
 January 3, *Dardanus*, British str., for Singapore.
 January 3, *Rege*, British str., for Kobe, &c.
 January 3, *Trifol*, German str., for Saigon.
 January 3, *Gluckburg*, German steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.
 Per *Thames*, from London for Hongkong, Mr. & Mrs. Horspool, Mrs. Freeman and infant, Miss Robinson and amah. From *Bridal*, Miss Morris. From *Imallis*, Messrs. M. Laird and J. Laird. From *Bombay*, Messrs. Owen, D. D. Allie, Baranje, C. Hansen, S. D. Setna, and N. E. Cranue. From *Singapore*, 40 Chinese. From *Rege* for Shanghai—Captain Crawford, and Mr. Cox. From *London* for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. From *Bombay*, Mr. Sare. From *Colombo*—Hon. R. Riley. From *Bombay* for Kobe—Mr. Doki.
 Per *Fekten*, from Wuhu, &c.—6 Chinese.
 Per *Hattan*, from Foochow, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Miss Gardner. Rev. L. Lloyd, Messrs. G. B. Eldridge, E. Collingswood, A. Cantanen, Pang Poo, Choy Tey Sheng, A. Shing, Sai Lok, and 210 Chinese.

REPORTS.
 The British steamship *Cicero* reports that she left Samang (Java), on the 22nd ultimo, and light and moderate variable winds and fine weather to Cape Kepmas (Luzon) thence had fresh to strong monsoon, moderating near port. The British steamship *Fighting* report that she left Wuhu on the 28th ultimo, and Chinkiang on the 29th. Had southerly winds and fine clear weather to Tumbouti thence to port had north-easterly winds and fine clear weather with smooth sea.
 The British steamship *Hattan* reports that she left Foochow on the 31st ultimo, and Amoy on the 1st instant, and Swatow on the 2nd. Had light variable winds with smooth sea with clear weather. From Swatow to Hongkong had moderate north-east breeze and smooth sea with clear weather. In Foochow the steamship *Hattan* had light variable winds with smooth sea with clear weather. In Amoy the steamships *Thales*, *Erika*, *Cass*, and *Hilch*. In Swatow the steamships *Slam*, *Chuyoa* and *Pichili*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.
 For Hallow and Bangkok.—Per *Depowang* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 9 A.M.
 For Saigon.—Per *Hollins* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 10.30 A.M.
 For Europe, &c., India, &c.—Per *Bohney* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 11 A.M.
 For Shanghai.—Per *Kwangle* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
 For Hongkong.—Per *Priyang* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Singapore, London, and Hamburg.—Per *Glorio* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Amoy, and Manila.—Per *Zoffra* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Shanghai.—Per *Kaifeng* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per *Yinmao* to-morrow, the 4th instant, at 11.45 A.M.
 For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Wahing* on Saturday, the 6th instant, at 11.45 A.M.
 For Singapore.—Per *Cass* on Saturday, the 6th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
 For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Thale* on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 11.45 A.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

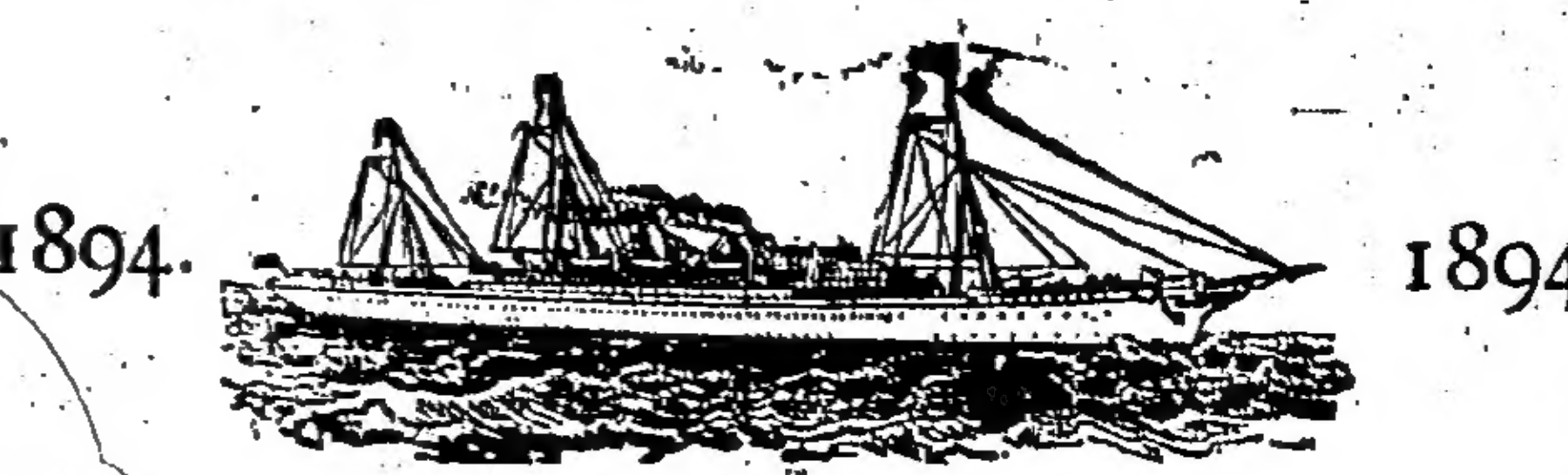
STEAMERS.
 ALWINE, German steamer, 400, C. Petersch, 24th Dec., Pakel 21st Dec., and Hallow 22nd, General.—Waller & Co.
 BELGIC, British steamer, 1,605, Wm. H. Walker, 25th Dec., San Francisco 30th Nov., and Yokohama 20th Dec, Mails and General.—O. & O. S. N. Co.
 BOMBAY, British steamer, 2,047, R. J. Sleeman, 25th Dec., London 19th Nov., and Singapore 24th Dec, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 CHIKANG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, 956, T. M. Kowit, 1st Jan., Penang 19th Dec., and Singapore 24th, General.—Sun Hin Chan.
 CHIKOTO, British steamer, 1,451, R. Innes, 2nd Jan., Sydney 13th Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHUYEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, C. R. Noll, 25th Dec., Moll (Japan) 19th Dec., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
 CHOMARTY, British steamer, 1,164, W. S. Duncan, 2nd Jan., Sourabaya (Java), 22nd Dec., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 DAWSON, German steamer, 1,199, W. A. Dine, 25th Dec., Samang 12th Dec., Sugar.—Stemmen & Co.
 DEWANGONG, British steamer, 1,057, R. Curli, 20th Dec., Bangkok 21st Dec., and Anglin 23rd, Wood and Rice.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 EMPRESS OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, H. Archibald, R.N.R., 2nd Jan., Vancouver 10th Dec., Victoria 11th, Yokohama 20th, Kobe 27th, Nagasaki 29th, and Shanghai 31st, General.—C. P. R. Co.
 FAMA, British steamer, 1,177, Captain McIsaac, Hongkong Government tender.
 FORMICA, British steamer, 682, T. Hall, 24th Dec., Tansai 21st Dec., Amoy 22nd, and Swatow 23rd, General.—D. Lapralle & Co.
 GLANORANSHIRE, British steamer, 1,247, E. T. Jackson, 2nd Jan., Moll 28th Dec., General.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.
 HOLYSTEIN, German steamer, 1,103, Brohn, 1st Jan., Saigon 26th Dec., Rice.—Weller & Co.
 KWENYANG, British steamer, 1,062, A. W. Overbridge, 1st Jan., Canton 1st January, General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 PERLA, British steamer, 1,050, British steamer, 1,012, J. A. Morris, 30th Dec., Bangkok 21st Dec., and Anglin 23rd, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.
 PICCOLA, German steamer, 768, E. Hass, 22nd Dec., Saigon 15th Dec., Rice.—Melchers & Co.
 POLLUX, German steamer, 898, J. Gelfen, 26th Nov., Sourabaya 8th Nov., and Singapore 14th, Sugar and General.—Melchers & Co.
 PROPORTIS, British steamer, 1,350, W. H. Farrand, 25th Dec., Singapore 19th Dec., General.—Chia Wo Lan.
 PROGRES, German steamer, 687, J. Jansen, 29th Dec., Moll 24th Dec., Coal.—Stemmen & Co.
 RECORDE, British telegraph steamer, 676, R. A. E. Brereton, 19th Dec., Hallow Bay 18th Dec., Telegraph cable.—E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.
 ROHILLA, British steamer, 2,174, W. J. Nante, 2nd Jan., Shanghai 30th Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 STORA, Italian steamer, 1,416, De Negri, 31st Dec., Bombay 6th Dec., General.—Cassidy & Co.
 TAKANG, British steamer, 977, Freeman, 2nd Jan., Sourabaya (Java), 22nd Dec., Sugar.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TAMARIND, Norwegian steamer, 739, L. Conberg, 1st Jan., Hongay 28th Dec., Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 TOYO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,500, J. G. Edwards, 28th Dec., Moll 23rd Dec., Matches and Coal.—Doddwell, Carill & Co.
 VERONA, British steamer, 1,876, C. H. S. Toocque, R.N.R., 1st Jan., Yokohama 22nd Dec., Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 WHOSING, British steamer, 1,577, A. de St. Croix, 31st Dec., Calcutta 13th Dec., Penang 20th Dec., and Singapore 23rd, Opium and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 WOHANG, British steamer, 1,127, W. E. Saver, 1st Jan., Moll 27th Dec., Coals.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 WUYUAN, German steamer, 1,015, A. Ott, 30th Dec., Tegal (Java), 18th Dec., Sugar.—Lau, Wegener & Co.
 ZAPRO, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, 2nd Jan., Manila 30th Dec., General.—Shewan & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.
 ALFRED HAWLEY, British bark, 412, W. Llewellyn, 15th Nov., Whampoa 15th November, Ballast.—Order.
 BANGALORE, British bark, 1,100, Congdon, 24th Dec., New York 28th July, Rice.—Shewan & Co.
 BABOTO, German bark, 348, H. E. Eggers, 14th Oct., Amoy 4th Oct., Sugar.—Weller & Co.
 BELLIE, American ship, 1,553, Whitmore, 21st Nov., New York 10th Jan., Kerosene Oil.—Order.
 C. ROBERTS, German bark, 567, Leverenz, 17th Dec., Kutchinotru 17th Dec., Coal.—Weller & Co.
 CLARA JACKSON, British schooner, 32, Charles Butchart, 3rd Dec., Sydney 21st March, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
 KITTY, British bark, 803, H. Wilson, 1st Dec., Whampoa 1st December, Ballast.—Order.
 LOTAR, Italian bark, 794, Jean B. Cafranga, 2nd Nov., Sallow 30th Oct., General.—D. M. & Co.
 MACMILLAN, British ship, 1,450, Robert Guthrie, 4th Dec., Cardiff 22nd July, Coals.—Government.
 MARTHA BOCKHAEM, German ship, 725, Ed. Mettke, 11th Oct., Philadelphia 21st May, Petroleum.—Order.
 MARY BLAIR, British bark, 328, Thos. Atkin, 19th Dec., Albany, W.A., 27th October, Sandalwood.—Order.
 NAM SHUN STAR, Chinese 3-m. sch., 368, Lok Li Tong, and Angist, Saigon, 24th August, Wood.—Yong Kuei Co.
 SERRANO, American bark, 756, R. G. Waterhouse, 25th Dec., Macao 23rd Dec., General.—Order.
 WM. J. ROTCH, American ship, 1,664, 3, Lancaster, 24th Nov., New York 23rd June, Petroleum.—Melchers & Co.

RIVER STEAMERS.

Festina, British steamer, 2,250, R. Spence, H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Hallow, British steamer, 2,255, Lloyd, Butterfield & Swire.
 Hemmings, British steamer, 1,015, W. E. Clark, H. C. & M. S. Co.
 He-nan, British steamer, 1,777, G. B. Lefevre, Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
 Kiang-chow, British steamer, 228, T. Hamlin, H. C. & M. S. Co.
 Kwong-mai, British steamer, 400, laid up, Macao & Co.
 Pako, Chinese steamer, 24, J. W. Stevens, Hongkong & Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.
 Tai-on, British steamer, 734, Goblewski, Chinese.
 White Cloud, British steamer, 714, A. Crick, H. C. & M. S. Co.

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